**A brief history to Indigenous people**

* The Indigenous people are the true owners of our land, and what is now known as Australia
* The First Fleet in 1788, commanded by Captains including Arthur Phillip later effected White Settlement
* Many Indigenous were forced off their land, moved to the outskirts of Australia and imprisoned
* Further complications arose with the Stolen Generations between 1909-1969 when White Australians tried to eliminate the Indigenous race by ‘stealing’ Indigenous children from their families and forcing them to attend school with white Australians, live like white Australians and assimilate into white culture. They tried to eliminate the Indigenous race.
* This plan was however thankfully not completed and today ,Aboriginal people are gaining much more respect in the community. The apology delivered by former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd paved the way to greater recognition of Aborigines and greater support for them such as in education, scholarships etc.
* Unfortunately however, this support doesn’t seem to be enough, with education success, life expectancy etc. being much lower for Indigenous people today compared to White Australians

The **Stolen Generations** (also known as **Stolen children**) were the children of [Australian Aboriginal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aboriginal_Australians) and [Torres Strait Islander](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Torres_Strait_Islanders) descent who were removed from their families by the Australian [Federal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_Australia) and [State](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/States_and_territories_of_Australia) government agencies and [church missions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mission_(Christianity)), under [acts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Act_of_Parliament) of their respective parliaments. The removals occurred in the period between approximately 1909[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stolen_Generations#cite_note-1) and 1969,[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stolen_Generations" \l "cite_note-2)[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stolen_Generations#cite_note-read-3) although in some places children were still being taken until the 1970s.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stolen_Generations#cite_note-4)[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stolen_Generations#cite_note-5)[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stolen_Generations#cite_note-6)